

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Previously Presented) A method of regenerating a spent catalyst composition for decomposing organophosphonate compounds, said spent catalyst composition being poisoned with a phosphate species, comprising washing the phosphate species that are formed as products upon the catalyst composition from the catalyst composition by washing the spent catalyst composition with water.
  2. (Cancelled)
  3. (Cancelled)
- 4-12. (Previously Cancelled)